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SUBJECT: MBFR: SOME FRG THOUGHTS ABOUT OPTION III

REF: US NATO 4254

L. WE MET WITH FONOFF MBFR OFFICE DIRECTOR RUTH ON AUG. 2L FOR A SHORT DISCUSSION OF MBFR OPTION III ISSUES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECONVENING OF THE SPC ON AUG. 25. RUTH SAID HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN US REACTION TO THE FRG-SUGGESTED TEXT IN THE DRAFT GUIDANCE (REFTEL). HE INDICATED THE FRG DID NOT PLAN TO SEND GUIDANCE TO ITS REP IN BRUSSELS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

2. RUTH THEN MENTIONED TWO SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WHICH HE FEELS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO THE INTRODUCTION OF OPTION III IN VIENNA. FIRST, WITH REGARD TO THE DEFINITION OF FORCES, THE FRG BELIEVES THAT THE ALLIES

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SHOULD ARRIVE AT A POSITION ON THE DEFINITION QUESTION

PRIOR TO THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON SEPT. 22.
RUTH ANTICIPATES THAT DEFINITION OF FORCES WILL BE
THE PROBABLE SUBJECT MATTER WHEN THE TALKS RESUME.

3. SECOND, RUTH MENTIONED THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD ALSO
AGREE ON HOW TO PRESENT THE NATIONAL REDUCTION COM-
PONENTS IN PHASE II TO THE EASTERN SIDE. THE FRG SEES
A POSSIBILITY OF INFORMING THE EAST IN SOME MANNER OF
NATIONAL REDUCTION COMPONENTS, BUT THE GERMANS STRONGLY
BELIEVE SUCH INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE INCORPORATED IN
THE AGREEMENT. RUTH NOTED THAT THE NATO ALLIES SHOULD
BE CLEAR IN THEIR OWN MINDS HOW TO HANDLE THIS
PROBLEM. HE CONCLUDED BY INDICATING THAT THE PRESENT
GUIDANCE TO THE AHG ON THIS SUBJECT IS STILL SATIS-
FACTORY.

4. ON THE QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE TRILATERAL IN
SEPTEMBER, RUTH SAID THE UK HAD APPROACHED THE FRG,
BUT THAT THUS FAR THE GERMANS HAVE NOT RESPONDED.
RUTH THINKS IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE SUCH A
MEETING, IF ONLY FROM THE STANDPOINT OF INITIATING
THE NEW BRITISH MBFR TEAM.
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